COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the *19th February 1934.* / *8th of Kumbham 1109.*

The House met for the Second meeting of the Legislative Session of 1109 in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on Monday, the 19th February 1934, at half-past eleven of the clock, with C. G. Herbert Esq. I.C.S., the Diwan of Cochin in the Chair. Messrs K. M. Ibrahim, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi, C. A. Ouseph, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and A. R. Menon were absent.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council! It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this meeting of the Council. A considerable volume of important business is before the Council. There will be no demands for supplementary grants, because they have not been placed before the Standing Finance Committee. But apart from that, there are various resolutions and some very important legislative measures for consideration. I hope that in dealing with this business I shall receive, as I have always received, the co-operation of all Hon'ble Members in discharging the duties of the Chair.

Questions and Answers.

Steps taken to reduce expenditure.

165. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps were taken by the Government in the last three years to retrench expenditure;

(b) what amount was saved annually by such measures of retrenchment;

(c) whether the Government have called for reports from Heads of departments in the aforesaid period suggesting ways and means for reducing expenditure in their department; and if so,

(d) whether reports received be printed and placed on the table;

(e) whether their suggestions were given effect to?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Temporary establishments have been reduced to bare necessities in all depart-

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ments. The rates of T. A. have been considerably reduced and the reduced rates were brought into effect at the end of 1107. Under contingencies, the expenditure has been reduced.

(b) Savings will appear from the statement appended relating to the years 1107 and 1108. (*Appendix I*).

(c), (d) and (e). The correspondence is confidential.

Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society—Kunnamkulam.

166. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Secretary of the Kunnamkulam Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society had reported to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the last two years that the President and some of the committee members had not attended some of the meetings of the society; and if so,

(b) whether his report be printed and placed on the table together with the explanations and petitions submitted by the President and the committee members of the society (against whom the Secretary had reported) to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government consider that in the interests of the society the papers cannot be published.

167. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had issued orders in the last two years asking the Secretary of the Kunnamkulam Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society to hand over charge to the Union Secretary;

(b) when was this order first issued;

(c) whether the Registrar had got his orders executed;

(d) how many times the Registrar passed such orders;

(e) whether copies of all the orders sent by him to the Union Secretary relating to the above matter be printed and placed on the table together with the reports he has received from the Union Secretary in the last two years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 18th Kumbham 1108.

(c) No.

(d) Twice.

(e) Copies of the reports are appended. [(*Appendix II*) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)]

168. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had received in the last two years any report from the Secretary of

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